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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON PROPOSED DEMARCHE BY
WESTERN FIVE TO SOUTH AFRICA

REF: USUN 3771

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE DEPARTMENT'S AND USUN'S SUGGESTED
REVISIONS TO THE TALKING POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL. CONTACT
GROUP WILL DISCUSS THESE REVISIONS PM OCT. 14.

2. REVISIONS CONSIST OF: REWRITING PARA 3; ADDING A NEW
PARA 7 BETWEEN PARA 6 AND THE LAST TALKING POINT ON
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LELECTIONS; AND REWRITING THE LAST TALKING POINT ON ELEC-
TIONS. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE REVISIONS:

QUOTE

WASHINGTON'S REVISIONS OF DRAFT DEMARCHE
TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT

3. WE APPRECIATE SOUTH AFRICA'S SUGGESTION THAT 1400 OF THE TROOPS IT PROPOSES TO RETAIN IN NAMIBIA WOULD BE STATIONED AT OSHIVELA, IN A VERY SPARSELY POPULATED AREA. IIF IT IS AGREED THAT A CONTINGENT OF SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES IS TO REMAIN IN NAMIBIA, IT WOULD BE POLITICALLY PREFERABLE TO HAVE THEM CONCENTRATED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO MINIMIZE THE RETENTION OF ADDITIONAL FORCES AT OTHER LOCATIONS FOR LOGISTICAL PURPOSES. THIS WAS THE REASONING BEHIND OUR ORIGINAL SUGGESTION TO CONCENTRATE SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY FORCES AT GROOTFONTEIN.

7. WE WISH TO REAFFIRM OUR CONVICTION THAT SUFFICIENT NUMBERS OF UN PERSONNEL MUST BE PRESENT IN THE TERRITORY FROM THE OUTSET IN ORDER TO MONITOR THE OBSERVANCE OF THE PROVISIONS OF ANY AGREED SOLUTION TO THE NAMIBIA QUESTION.

ELECTIONS

-- WE MUST REPEAT OUR SINCERE AND FIRM BELIEF THAT AN EFFORT BY SOUTH AFRICA TO UNILATERALLY SET THE DATE FOR ELECTIONS IN INCONSISTENT WITH THE VIEW OF THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WHO MUST SATIFY HIMSELF AT ALL STAGES AS TO THE FAIRNESS OF THE POLITICAL PROCESS.
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-- THE DATE FOR AN ELECTION IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE COMPLETION OF THOSE STEPS NECESSARY FOR A CLIMATE IN WHICH FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS CAN TAKE PLACE, AND SUFFICIENT TIME MUST BE ALLOWED FOR THIS CONDITION TO BE ASSURED.

- IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, WHILE WE SHOULD SEEK PRECISE GOALS FOR THE DATE OF ELECTIONS, IT MAY BE MORE DESIRABLE TO LEAVE THE JUDGEMENT ON THE DATE OF THE ELECTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL IN COOPERATION WITH THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WHO MUST SATISY HIMSELF THAT CONDITIONS EXIST FOR FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS.

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